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**Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2003  
Juneau, Alaska**

**Commissioners Present**

Federal Co-Chair  
State Co-Chair  
Alaska Federation of Natives  
AFL-CIO  
University of Alaska  
Alaska Municipal League  
Associated General Contractors  
of Alaska

Jeff Staser  
Loren Leman  
Julie Kitka  
Mano Frey  
Mark Hamilton  
Kevin Ritchie  
Richard Cattnach

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Staser called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at University of Alaska in Juneau, Alaska.

**Opening Remarks**

Both Co-Chairs Staser and Leman gave welcoming remarks.

**Agenda and Minutes**

- Commissioner Ritchie moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Cattnach moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting and Commissioner Frey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Update on Commission and Staff Activities**

- Commissioner Staser gave update remarks to the Commission. Total of potential funding is \$131 million for FY 2003. Assuming full \$131 million is received the proposed allocation is as follows: \$6.25 Administration; \$5 million Economic Development; \$100,000 for marketing study of domestic water exports; \$5 million for Washeterias; \$10 million for multi-purpose facilities; Miscellaneous projects earmarked in Energy and Water bill would be \$7,950,000; Training \$7,600,000; Energy \$57,300,000; Health Care, \$35,000,000. Assuming we receive only TAPL funds (10 million) and base funding at a continuation level of \$30 million the proposed allocation is: Administration \$2 million; Economic Development, \$3 million; Training, \$3 million; Energy \$24.1 million and Health Care \$11 million.

### **Database Presentation**

Michelle O'Leary briefed the commissioners on the Project Database highlighting the Interactive Project Map, Performance Indicators, On-line Recipient Reporting and One Time Data Entry. The Denali Commission has begun working with the State of Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development and the Jet propulsion Laboratory in a joint project to create a statewide project information portal, tentatively called RAPIDS II.

Meera Kohler, AVEC

- AVEC proposing creation of a non-profit to facilitate Operations and Maintenance on Alaska rural bulk fuel tank farms.

Krag Johnsen

- Update on Training Subcommittee

Al Ewing

- Briefed on Energy Program
- Briefed on Nome Power Project recommending allocation up to \$4 million in FY 03 funding.
- Briefed on Washeteria Program
- Briefed on Health Care Program
- Briefed on Parks Highway Electric Line Extension Projects
- Recommended that the Commission allocate up to \$2.2 million in FY 03 funding.
- Briefed Port MacKenzie Natural Gas Line Extension
- Stated Borough staff recommends that the Commission approve \$250,000 for the Port MacKenzie natural gas line extension project
- Briefed the Calista Power Generation
- Stated that the Nuvista recommendation is include \$2.5 million in the proposed allocation of funds for this earmarked project.
- Recommend allocating earmarked funds for preliminary engineering and permitting process for this intertie.

### **New Initiatives**

Al Ewing

- Briefed the Commission on Rural Alaska Fuel Services Corporation
- Recommended a collaborative effort to complete a viable business plan and develop a pro forma for a non-profit corporation to operate rural bulk fuel storage plants. Action required is to approve funding for the formation to manage and operate rural tank farms.

Rural Transportation Plans for Alaska

Al Ewing

- Briefed on the Community and industrial transportation needs in rural Alaska.
- DOT and PF Staff made recommendations and stated that no Commission action is required at this time.

*Commissioner Kitka presented a letter for the record from the non-profit Kawerak in support of continued funding for a health clinic in the community of Shismaref. The Denali Commission staff assured Commissioner Kitka that the Health Steering Committee would revisit the community's proposal.*

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Lunch Break at 12:00

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

### **Summary of Action Items before the Commission**

- Resolution allocating funds for Energy Infrastructure Funding
- Resolution allocating funds for primary health care projects
- Resolution allocating funds for washeterias
- Resolution allocating funds to programs other than CPP, discontinue CPP
- Resolution allocating funds to community mapping projects
- Resolution allocating funds for Nome Power Project
- Resolution allocating funds for Parks Highway Electric Line Extensions
- Resolution allocating funds for Port MacKenzie Natural Gas Line Extension
- Resolution allocating funds for Calista power transmission engineering and permitting
- Resolution allocating funds for Bulk Fuel Management Organization
- Resolution to rescind existing policy of dedicating 10% of base funding to economic development

### **Public Comment**

Ethel Lund – Southeast Regional Health Consortium

- Thank Commission for funding Health Clinics
- History on Program
- Have outgrown current clinic
- Focus of new clinic would be outpatient ambulatory services
- Proposal is for renovation of clinic over 2 phases
- Servicing a different population group than that of Hospital in Juneau
- Serve as HUB

*Commissioner Kitka suggested that this funding application be considered prior to the April 2003 quarterly meeting.*

Dave Carlson – Petersburg

- Progress made on goal of inter connecting the communities of S.E. Alaska
- Huge hydroelectric potential

Terry Hoefflerle – Bristol Bay Native Association

- Planning
- Sustainability
- Accountability
- All very profound around state
- Regional Planning

- Encourage Denali Commission to reprogram some community priorities monies into planning process

Brian Johnson – Juneau Economic Development Council

- Individual Development Accounts

Dave Grey – Senator Olsen's Office

- Support for Shismaref

Jeanette Pomrenke – Kawerak

- Looking forward to Commission in Nome
- Would like to see MOU with non-profits
- Appreciate Washeteria funding
- Support of Health Care Steering Committee
- Support of Shismaref
- Change of wording on Health Care RFP
- Support of CPP Program

### **Commissioner discussion and decisions of proposed action items**

- Resolution 03-01 for Energy Infrastructure Funding.  
MOTION made by Commissioner Ritchie to approve. Commissioner Kitka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution 03-02 for Infrastructure Funding of Health Care Facilities.  
MOTION made by Commissioner Hamilton to approve. Commissioner Kitka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution 03-03 providing funding for Washeterias.  
MOTION made by Commissioner Frey to approve. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Commissioner Kitka requested that remaining Washeteria funds be utilized for small repairs and renovations on existing facilities. Co-Chair Staser asked staff to reserve a portion of funds for the April meeting so we can get a cost estimate on repairs that are being discussed. Al Ewing said the Commission would issue another RFP.*

- Resolution 03-04 regarding Community Priorities Program.  
MOTION made by Commissioner Cattnach to approve and State Co-Chair seconded the motion. State Co-Chair moved to adopt amendment and seconded. Amendment passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

*Commissioner Kitka requested that this action would be reconsidered at the April 2003 quarterly meeting.*

- Resolution 03-05 regarding Initiative for Accelerated Infrastructure Development  
MOTION made by Commissioner Hamilton to approve and seconded by Commissioner Frey. The motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution 03-06 regarding Energy Infrastructure (Nome Power Project); Resolution 03-07, regarding Parks Highway Electric Line Extensions Funding; Resolution 03-08 regarding Port

MacKenzie Natural Gas Line Extension; Resolution 03-09 regarding Calista power transmission engineering and permitting.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ritchie to combine the vote on resolutions 6 through 9; and was seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion carried with one abstention by Commissioner Cattnach who stated that each resolution should instead be evaluated as part of our current “themes”.

MOTION made by Commissioner Kitka to approve the four resolutions; Commissioner Ritchie seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention by Commissioner Cattnach.

*Commissioner Kitka suggested that Co-Chair Staser arrange a meeting between the Commissioners and the Alaska Congressional delegation immediately after the April 2003 quarterly meeting.*

- Resolution 03-10 regarding energy infrastructure funding, for bulk fuel management  
MOTION by Commissioner Frey moved to approve and Commissioner Kitka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution 03-11 regarding economic development strategies  
MOTION by Commissioner Kitka and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton with the stipulation that the issue would be on the April 2003 agenda.

### **Closing Comments**

Commissioners made closing comments. Mr. Jim Sampson was formally introduced as the replacement for Commissioner Frey; Commissioner Sampson requested to serve on the Infrastructure and Training subcommittees.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.